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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
PATRICE BUJARD, HOLGER LEYBACH AND HILMAR  
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Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

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SILICON/SILICON OXIDE

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.